

## **SOUTHWEST COMPACT TASK FORCE**

### **AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2003  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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#### **ITEM**

##### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION**

Hon. Greg Pettis  
Cathedral City  
Chair

##### **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of this committee, must notify the Staff and fill out a speaker's card prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for comments to twenty (20) minutes.

##### **3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

###### **3.1 Approval Item**

3.1.1 May 7, 2003 Meeting Summary  
**Attachment (page 3)**

##### **4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

###### **4.1 Federal Legislation Update**

**Alfredo Gonzales**  
**SCAG**  
**5 minutes**

###### **4.2 Multi-state Corridor Coalition Development**

**Dilara Rodriguez**  
**Caltrans**  
**Mark Griffin**  
**SCAG**  
**15 minutes**

**5.0 INFORMATION SHARING**

ALL

Comments concerning the Southwest Compact Task Force from members, staff, and the public are welcome at this time.

**6.0 NEXT MEETING**

Hon. Greg Pettis

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Greg Pettis

**May 7, 2003 Meeting Summary**  
**Attachment**

**Southwest Compact Task Force**  
**July 9, 2003**

Attendance of the May 7, 2003 Southwest Compact Task Force Meeting  
(based on sign-in sheet)

Name	Agency
Armenta, JoAnn	SCAG
DeVine, Bruce	SCAG
Griffin, Mark	SCAG
Jicha, Chris	County of San Bernardino
Pettis, Hon, Greg	City of Cathedral City
Rodriguez, Dilara	Caltrans
Wong, Philbert	SCAG

**SOUTHWEST COMPACT TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003**

**1.0    CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Greg Pettis, City of Cathedral City, called the meeting to order. A list of those in attendance is included in the minutes.

**2.0    PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0    CONCENT CALENDAR**

**Approval Items**

**3.1.1    Approval of the March 5, 2003 Meeting Summary**

**Action:** Motion to approve the meeting summary was accepted and seconded with no objections.

**4.0    INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1    Western States Freight Summit Report**

- The Western States Freight Summit was sponsored by NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) and took place on April 22-23, 2003.
- The conference featured three breakout sessions: regional, state, and multi-state. Mark Griffin, SCAG, facilitated the Multi-State breakout session, which addressed the limitations of institutional jurisdictions in resolving freight issues, potential application of user fees, and the possible administration of such fees, such as through a joint powers authority. Also, the relationship between transportation investments and economic development was discussed. The session was well attended, with representatives from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas participating. Comments and input from this break out session will be compiled and distributed at a later date.

#### 4.2 Federal Legislative Update

- Senator Binghamon (New Mexico) has brought in Senators Hutchinson (Texas) and Boxer (California) as co-authors of the Southwest Regional Border Authority Act (S. 458).
- The Southwest Regional Border Authority Act has also been introduced into the House of Representatives (H.R. 1071) by Rep. Silvestre Reyes (Texas).
- This bill will be taken to the Transportation and Communications Committee and Regional Council to seek a formal position from SCAG, perhaps in either July or August. The Southwest Compact Task Force has adopted a position of support with amendments.

#### 4.3 National I-10 Freight Corridor Update

- Entire corridor is approximately 2,500 miles long.
- The number of trucks traveling on the I-10 Corridor is expected to significantly increase by 2020, therefore planning is being done now to ensure that the I-10 will be able to meet the demands of future truck traffic.
- Potential options for improving freight flow on the I-10 corridor include operational, capacity enhancements, technological improvements, and policy recommendations.
- The study will recommend potential short term improvements (projects that can be implemented by 2008), mid term improvements (projects that can be implemented through 2013), and long term improvements (through 2025).

#### 4.4 MPO Coalition Support

- Staff has attempted to contact Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the border region spanning from California to Texas in attempt to gather support for the formation of as well as ensure MPO representation on the Southwest Regional Border Authority.
- 14 MPOs were identified in the border region, and 8 MPOs were contacted, which included the Maricopa Association of Governments (Phoenix region), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Yuma MPO, Pima Association of Governments (Tucson area), El Paso MPO, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. All of the MPOs contacted were very responsive to the MPO coalition concept and were provided copies of the SCAG MPO coalition foundational argument.
- Indian tribes in the border region were also contacted, and staff will continue to invite their participation.

## **5.0 COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Pettis noted that on August 13-17, 2003 the U.S.-Mexico International Sister Cities convention will be held in Cathedral City. Chair Pettis would like to hold a seminar on August 15 on the Southwest Compact.

## **6.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Southwest Compact TF meeting will be:  
Wednesday, July 9, 2003  
10am-12pm  
SCAG Offices, Riverside B Conference Room

## **7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.